

COUNCIL BRIEFS

October 7, 2016

LED Light Bulb Swaps A Success! Using a Bright Idea Grant earned through Energize CT's Clean Energy Communities Program, the West Hartford Clean Energy Task Force sponsored two LED light bulb swaps in which old incandescent or compact fluorescent light bulbs were exchanged for new energy-efficient LEDs. Over 3,000 LEDs were given to 600 residents who attended the Bishops Corner Senior Center light bulb swap on Monday, September 26, and 2,205 lightbulbs were given away to 441 residents at the second swap at the Elmwood Community Center on October 1.

New Economic Development Specialist: The Department of Community Services is pleased to announce that Kristen Gorski has joined the department on September 26 as the new Economic Development Specialist. She will provide services to local businesses and work to recruit new business opportunities to West Hartford. Her office is located in Room 208.

Kristen's background includes work for the Bristol Development Authority and for a regional planning agency in the Boston area.

Flu Immunization Clinic: The West Hartford-Bloomfield Health District is offering a flu immunization clinic to the community on Wednesday, October 19, 2016, 12:00-2:00 PM, in the Town Hall auditorium. Participants must be 18 years and older. Insurances that are accepted include Medicare Part B, all Anthem clients aged 18 and older, Cigna, Aetna and ConnectiCare/Medicare Product.

Vaccines for children are by appointment; please call the Health District at 860-561-7900.

Columbus Day holiday closings: The following locations will be closed for Monday, October 10: Town Hall, Public Schools, Libraries and Senior Centers.

Trash collection remains on schedule, no delays. The Recycling Center will be open.

Faxon Library parking lot: The parking lot at the Faxon Library in Elmwood has been newly paved and striping occurred this week. Patrons may once again park in the lot.

Fire Station Open Houses held during Fire Prevention Week: All five Fire Stations will open their doors from 6:00PM to 8:00PM to the public during Fire Prevention Week, October 10-14. Here is the schedule:

- Monday, October 10 - Station 1, 561 Prospect Avenue
- Tuesday, October 11 - Station 2, 20 Brace Road
- Wednesday, October 12 - Station 3, 1068 New Britain Avenue
- Thursday, October 13 - Station 4, 2458 Albany Avenue
- Friday, October 14 - Station 5, 51 Berkshire

The 2016 fire prevention message is, "Replace your smoke alarm every 10 years." The working life of a smoke alarm is only ten years. After that time, the effectiveness of the detection components cannot be guaranteed. The Fire Department recommends that you check the manufacturing date, which can be found on a tag on the back of the detector, and replace the detector if it is more than ten years old.

Gentex smoke alarms available: The Fire Department has instituted a program for providing smoke alarms to persons with hearing impairments. These special Gentex smoke alarms contain a powerful strobe light that has been proven to be effective in waking persons who are deaf or hard of hearing. The alarms were purchased through a grant from Factory Mutual Insurance.

Hartford Marathon road closures: More than 7,000 runners are expected to participate in the Hartford Half Marathon on Saturday, October 8. [Click here to view the list of road closures](#) that will occur from 7:30AM to 10:30 AM.

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